Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Murdo Invitational was born in 1969 after the Three Rivers Conference ended its conference tournament; and,

Whereas, Mr. Maurice Haugland, Mr. Harold Thune, and Mr. Jerald Applebee conceived the inaugural Murdo Invitational to promote the sport of basketball in the central part of South Dakota and foster sportsmanship throughout the state; and,

Whereas, The Murdo Invitational evolved into the Jones County Invitational in 1979 and is the longest running, continuous, invitational basketball tournament in South Dakota history; and,

Whereas, Athletic Directors Mr. Thune, Mr. Applebee, Mr. Robert Slaba, and Mr. Larry Ball have upheld the operations and management of the tournament for 50 years and have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the schools of Jones County; and,

Whereas, The hundreds of community member volunteers that have assisted in the success of the tournament for 50 years have fostered a spirit of community and volunteerism and are as vital to the success of the tournament as the games of the student-athletes; and,

Whereas, The Jones County Invitational is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on January 11 – 13, 2018:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 11 - 13, 2018, as

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in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State